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In re Application of: )

Gary K. Michelson, M.D. )

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For: Screws of Cortical Bone and )  
Method of Manufacture Thereof )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification (with the changes as shown in the attachment)  
to read as follows:

Page 26, paragraph 2:

B,  
—In a further step in the manufacture of the screws of the present invention, the  
screw may be immersed in, or coated with, biologically active chemical agents included,  
but not limited to, antibiotics, or substances to promote bone formation such as bone  
morphogenetic proteins, mineralizing proteins, hydroxyapatite, or genetic material  
coding for the production of bone (directly or indirectly).—